

HOUSE BILL 1235

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44
and Title 63, relative to the capture of animals by
means of sedation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-601, is amended by adding the following new section thereto:

(e) Nothing in this part shall be construed as requiring, or authorizing the board of veterinary medical examiners to require, proof of employment of a full-time licensed veterinarian in order for a certified governmental animal control agency to obtain a certificate to perform chemical capture. For purposes of this subsection (e), "certified governmental animal control agency" means a state, county, or municipal animal shelter, or dog pound, which temporarily houses stray, unwanted, or injured animals.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-144, is amended by adding the following new subsection thereto:

(g) Nothing in this part shall be construed as requiring, or authorizing the board of veterinary medical examiners to require, proof of employment of a full-time licensed veterinarian in order for a certified governmental animal control agency to obtain a certificate to perform chemical capture. For purposes of this subsection (g), "certified governmental animal control agency" means a state, county, or municipal animal shelter, or dog pound, which temporarily houses stray, unwanted, or injured animals.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.